

House Resolution No. 4559

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Glenn Van Leer lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Dixie, during a solemn ceremony on December 19, 1954, at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Union, Missouri; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Glenn and Dixie Van Leer have had the pleasure of raising three children, Pamela Sue Klenke, Cynthia Lynn Groenke, and Marcia Leigh Van Leer, and the privilege of spoiling five grandchildren; and

Whereas, the recipient of several awards and accolades, Glenn Van Leer has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving in the United States Army for two years, being a retired electrical contractor, serving the City of Union as an Alderman for eight years and as Mayor for twenty-two years, and being a member of numerous organizations, a few of which include the Masonic Lodge, American Legion Post 297, the Franklin County Municipal League, and the Union Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Dixie Van Leer has also enjoyed recognition by working in the Franklin County Recorder of Deeds office for four years and the Franklin County Probate Court for twenty-one years, by working with children and adults with physical and mental disabilities for more than forty years, and by singing at various community events and activities; and

Whereas, members of Zion United Church of Christ, Glenn and Dixie Van Leer have distinguished themselves as the only couple to receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Union Area Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration on December 18, 2004, at the Union City Auditorium:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Glenn and Dixie Van Leer and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Van Leer.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Nieves
District No. 98

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4559, adopted November 30, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker